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March 27, 2006

State Representative John Stakoe Michigan Legislature P. O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: HB 5657 and 5658

Dear Representative Stakoe:

As Chair of the Local Government and Urban Policy Committee, I would like to thank you for scheduling a hearing on the proposed legislation, HB 5657 and HB 5658 (Zero Tolerance Drug Free Zone for Public Libraries – Statewide).

I understand that this is a very important quality of life issue; however, my schedule will not allow me to attend the hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. In my absence, please allow this letter to document my support of the proposed legislation. I am also sponsoring a local ordinance to coincide with the state legislation.

In the event that additional hearings on this subject are scheduled in the future, I'd be most interested in attending, if given advance notice. Thank you again for your attention to this matter. If you have questions, please call me at (313) 224-4505, or e-mail cockrelk.cncl.council@kcockrel.ci.detroit.mi.us.

Sincerely,

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Council President

CC: State Rep. George Cushingberry, Jr.